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Local News

Mrs. George Lind has been added to the staff of the New Officer Cafe.

Pte Jack Ryan, Vets Guard, was home for a few days last week.

Mr. Joe Gilchrist was in Calgary on Tuesday on business.

Mr. James Sharp has taken a ten day treatment at Banff for rheumatism and he is feeling much better.

Several from here took in the Horse Show at Calgary arena last Thursday night.

George McCaskill is up and around again, after having a bad attack of shingles.

John Hehr shipped three carloads of fat cattle to Harvey Adams of Calgary on Tuesday.

Ira Heywood shipped a carload of fat cattle on Tuesday. Jack Harrison also shipped cattle the same day.

Excavation work has started for an addition to the Bert Bannister home on Oeler Street.

Petty Officer Hughie Wickerson, R. C. Navy, Edmonton, was a Crossfield visitor over the week-end.

Fred Becker who has been in the Calgary hospital for an operation is home again and is doing fine.

Several carloads of coal have arrived in Crossfield in the last few days. Now is a good time to stock up.

Roy Hehr, eldest son of John Hehr, got 5th prize for his fat calf at the Calgary Stock Show last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Miller of Olds were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Hall.

Miss Hazel Ruddy, who is teaching the New Haven school, west of Innisfail, was home with her parents over the long week-end.

Miss Cochrane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cochrane, who has been layed-up with a sprained ankle, has enlisted in the Army as a nurse.

Wilson Stafford has gone back into the horse business again, having bought some nice colts from Harry Franks of Madden.

The many friends of George Lim of Oshawa, Ontario, will be glad to know that he is getting along nicely following a recent appendix operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duggan have returned from their trip to Eastern Canada and U. S. points and report a very nice trip.

Miller Huston visited his parents at Ponoka Saturday and Sunday; he also had a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McMillan. C.H. has taken to golf for summer recreation.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Poynter and son Murray of Bowden, spent Wednesday with their son Gordon and Mrs. Poynter who are working on the Win Landmore farm.

Jimmie Halton has accepted a position with the Gov. Income Tax Dept. Calgary and will be leaving for the city shortly. He has sold his house to Mr. Walter Hurt.

Local News

The ban on the highway was lifted at 6 p.m. on Tuesday.

Miss Violet Currie of the Banff teaching staff, was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. Frank Laut, who has been in Edmonton returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Adams were visitors to Edmonton over the holidays.

Some from Crossfield attended the funeral of Mrs. Len Pullen in Calgary last Saturday.

Sucker Lim, formerly of the Oliver Cafe was a Crossfield visitor from Olds on Sunday. (Take the gold.)

Bob Hendry of Calgary is looking after his farm interests in the district this week.

Bill Morrison has accepted a job with the Govt. road truck and is working with George Lind.

Carl Becker and Wm. Stralo have installed a new window in the front of the Home Cafe.

George Jones purchased quite a number of hogs from George McCaskill.

Lois Gilchrist is able to be out and around again following her recent illness.

Len Pullen of Wetaskiwin spent a few days here with his sister Mrs. Freda Ballam.

Quite a lot of farmers are on the land and there seems to be plenty of moisture to sprout the grain.

Mrs. Mossop, Mrs. Devins and children were visitors to Sylvan Lake over the Easter holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Hurt and children spent Easter at Okotoks visiting with Mr. Hurt's mother.

Miss P. Giendinning of the local Easter holidays with her parents school staff spent Good Friday and at Nanaimo.

In a letter received from Jack Fleming, he states the last trip home, they were forced to land with one engine dead and out of commission; however they landed safely and no one was hurt.

Independents at Banff Hear F. Laut, M.L.A.

Nominating Convention May 10th

A meeting of the supporters of the Independent movement of the Banff-Cochrane Constituency met in the Mount Royal Hotel in Banff last Friday evening to hear a report of the last session of the legislature, by the member, Mr. Frank Laut, and to make plans for a nominating convention.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. E. A. Thompson of Banff and a clear resume of session activities was given by the member and during a question period, many points of interest were brought out showing that the Independent membership had served a good purpose, both in supporting what they considered good legislation and in opposing measures not considered beneficial to the province.

The meeting voiced confidence in Mr. Laut's stewardship and was interesting and instructive throughout.

A nominating convention will be held in Cochrane on May 10 when properly appointed delegates will select a candidate for the coming election. Preliminary meetings will be held in all voting precincts for the selection of these delegates in the next three weeks. The convention will be open to all interested and will be addressed by the provincial leader of the Independents, Mr. James Walker.

Those who attended the meeting from Crossfield included T. M. Mair, Wm. Laut, and Thos. Tredaway; Madden and Summit Hill Districts were represented by Ernest and Leonard Beddoes and J. H. Havens.

Frank Laut, M.L.A. and Mayor W. J. Wood made a trip to Edmonton on Wednesday and interviewed Government officials regarding the highway.

The people of Crossfield are anxious that the highway should remain in about the same location as it is at present. Frank and Bill all they had on the ball and just how successful their protest was is not known at the moment. The proposed new highway will pass up many of the towns along the line including Crossfield, Didsbury and Olds and consequently heli-skiing.

Fleming-Huston

The United Church Red Deer was the scene of a pretty wedding on Friday, April, 7th when Marion Isabel, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Huston of Crossfield, became the bride of L. A. O. George Ellis Fleming, second son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Fleming of Rocky Mountain House, Rev. A. S. Wood officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and wore a gown of white silk sheer, floor length and shoulder length veil. She carried a bouquet of tea roses. Her only ornament was a gold pendant, a gift of the bridegroom. Miss Margie Huston was maid of honor, and wore a floor length dress of pale blue with lace, and carried a bouquet of red and white carnations. Misses Alice and Betty Huston were bridesmaids and wore floor length dresses of pink and pale green sheer with lace, and carried corsages of rose buds. Miss Mickey Huston was flower girl, wearing a yellow tulle taffeta, with pale green trimming. Each of the bride's sisters, were a silver R.C.A.F. brooch, gifts from the groom.

L.A.C. Garth Greenaway was best man, Mervin Fox, Donnie Stevens and Eldon Stafford were the ushers. During the signing of the register, Miss C. Metherall of Calgary, sang "Because."

A reception was held at the Club Cafe Red Deer. Mr. C. H. McMillan proposing the toast to the bride, which was responded to by the groom. Dr. Greenway of Rocky Mountain House, also gave an appropriate address. The bridal couple left for Calgary and points south by motor.

J. H. Coldwell C.C.F. Candidate for Bow River Federal Constituency

A meeting of the supporters of the C. C. F. movement in the federal constituency of Bow River was held in the Legion Hall in Drumheller at 2.30 p.m. on April 6th. Mr. Earl Cammaret of Tudor was selected as chairman and Mr. Graham as secretary.

The meeting was held for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the forthcoming federal election and was attended by accredited delegates from twenty-nine locals. About \$600 was raised for election purposes. Mr. J. H. Coldwell was selected to be the standard bearer. Mr. Coldwell is station agent at Kathryn.

Mr. H. McDonald of Crossfield and Mr. Ray Wood of Chalmers were both nominated but withdrew.

Mr. Wm. Irvin, provincial organizer addressed a largely attended meeting in the evening.

FINAL NOTICE

To Shareholders of Crossfield Mutual Telephone Co. who have not settled their account ending March 31st. All long distance calls will be cut off after April 24th, unless settlement is made before that date.

Frank Laut, President.

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In Crossfield U. F. A. Hall
FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 1944

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If you are single, and your income was over \$660.00—
Or, if married, and your income was over \$1,200.00—
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2. WHAT FORMS TO USE

For income under \$3,000.00 use Form T.1 Special.
For income over \$3,000.00 use Form T.1 General.

3. WHERE YOU CAN GET FORMS

You can get income tax forms from—

1. Post Offices.
2. District Income Tax Offices.

Your early co-operation is requested. Over 2,000,000 Canadians will be filing income tax returns. You can help by getting your forms now, and mailing them promptly.

It is important that income tax returns be filed promptly. First, these returns must be filed to obtain credit for tax deductions. Second, to claim any refund to which you may be entitled. Third, to establish the Savings Portion of your tax, which will be paid back to you with interest after the War.

Make your returns now, but not later than 30th of April to avoid a penalty of 5% of your tax.

The unpaid balance of your 1943 tax may be paid any time before 31st of August WITHOUT PENALTY.

GET YOUR "T.4 SLIP" FROM YOUR EMPLOYER

To get a record of your 1943 earnings and tax deductions, ask your employer for a copy of the "T.4 Slip" he filed with the Government. Do this. It will save you time, and help prevent errors.



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We have on hand now a quantity of medium sized split cedar posts, as well as a good assortment of ROUNDS in seven and eight foot lengths.

We also have lots of good sound 16' rails and THICK ROUGH BOARDS with which to fix up the corral and pig pens. See us while our stock is complete.

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CANADA DRIED EGGS

Have Upheld The British Morale,
Says J. A. Peacock

John A. Peacock, London, England, Director of Egg Imports, British Ministry of Food, told the Special Products Board and those who attended a luncheon given by the Canadian Produce Association in Ottawa on March 17th, some interesting facts about the national contribution Canadian dried egg powder is making to the diet of the British people in wartime. He said that dried egg powder is the greatest single food contribution of the war. In canteens for wartime industrial workers, meals could not have been maintained with nourishment without dried eggs. They have been a great factor in overcoming industrial fatigue, and to do this has been a definite contribution to the national morale. The midday meal often was difficult to obtain, and dried eggs had made possible the provision of a slice of cake to be eaten with tea at noon. Cake was standardized, but it is popular and in demand. "We couldn't afford to neglect it. Imagine what would have been the effect on the public morale if there had been thousands of bakers' shops with nothing in them," said Mr. Peacock. The manufacturing and bakery trades are now entirely dependent on dried eggs. When dried eggs were first introduced into canteens, hotels and restaurants some guidance in how best to use them was necessary. But now the British people have succeeded in serving dried eggs in a variety of ways. They not only make omelettes, scrambled eggs, but even fry and boil them. Dried eggs have become a staple standby when other foods have run out.

While Canadian dried eggs have proved to be an amazingly good product, it is not to be understood that the ultimate has been reached. There are still possibilities to be explored. The domestic 5-ounce package of dried eggs which contains the equivalent of one dozen eggs, is being sold in tens of millions a month at a price of one shilling and three pence. The consumer demand has increased since dried eggs were first introduced to the domestic trade in 1942. Every grocery shop displays the packages prominently and every woman is buying them. A recent consumer survey disclosed that 70 per cent. of the people of Britain are buying dried eggs. They have brought colour and light into what would have been a dull diet and the national morale is very directly linked with proper feeding.

Mr. Peacock said that it was a great satisfaction to the British public to know that when they made a good sized omelette from dried eggs that only about half an ounce of shipping space was required.

Canadian dried eggs are sent to Britain in 5-ounce packages for sale in grocery stores to consumers and in 14 lb. cartons for the bakery, hotel and restaurant trade. Shipments of dried eggs from Canada to Britain began in the early part of 1942, principally because of the urgent need to save shipping space. Prior to then about 30 dozen to a case. In 1942 a total of 4,133,000 dozen shell eggs was shipped from Canada to Britain and 11½ million pounds of dried egg powder the equivalent of 33½ million dozen shell eggs. Last year shipments of dried eggs totalled about 12 million pounds, the equivalent of 36 million dozen shell eggs.

There are modern Icelanders who trace their descent from Snorre, the first white man born in America.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

King Peter Wed In London



King Peter of Yugoslavia and Princess Alexandra of Greece, both shown above, were married in London, Eng. The picture was taken when they were visiting London last autumn.

Army Engineer Wins First Prize At Art Show



First prize at the Army Show, plus a \$100 Victory Bond, went to Spr. Bruno Bobak of the Royal Canadian Engineers, now stationed at Halifax, for his water-colour entry, "Cross Country Convoy". His Excellency, the Earl of Athlone, opened the Show at the National Art Gallery, Ottawa. Spr. Bobak has depicted a scene common to all servicemen, with an artistry that won the unanimous approval of the eminent judges.

Wishful Thinking

We Are Still A Long Way From The Comforts Of Peace

Those good people among us who seem to imagine that the war is all but over and that all that remains for us now is to get back as quickly as possible to the ways and habits and comforts and luxuries of peace, would do well to study the speech which Mr. Howe made to Parliament recently. For what that speech tells more clearly than anything else is that we are still a long way from the habits and comforts of peace. Our industries are to remain war industries; with the futuristic motor cars that we have been promised not for us yet, and the modernistic homes still the dreams of architects, and the wonderful world of gadgets we have been thinking of still a paradise of mist. We must go on getting along with our old cars and our old tires and with our reduced gallons of gas, and our womenfolk get along without nylon stockings, and all the rest of us do the best we can with the world that war has brought us.

And it will be that way, we fear, for a much longer time than many expect. Wishful thinking, which should be pretty well exhausted by this time, will do us little good; and if we are wise we will plan for the worst, making the best, when it does come, seem all the better.

And, in the meantime, let's not be too sorry for ourselves. We are without the old comforts, and taxes are hard; but compared to many other peoples we are living in a world cosy-corner, with no one going without food or shelter. Imagine what millions of people in Europe would feel like if they were in a similar state.—Ottawa Journal.

Forces Of Nature

Upheavals Of The Earth Can Cause Great Destruction

The uneasy subterranean forces obeying the obscure laws of their being, need but grasp a little and an island is blown out of the sea, while the great waves sweep about the earth and the skies are darkened over distant continents. A brief shudder, the merest incident in the timeless adjustment of the earthly structure, will level cities. How many bombers, flying how many sorties against Japan, would be required to cause the havoc that one earthquake brought in 1923? What Maginot line, what armies or fleet, could hold against a lava stream or a tidal wave? What "air umbrella" could stave off the ruin that a volcano rains down?—New York Herald Tribune.

Cancer Hope



James Henry Mitchell, director of the Hoesa Laboratories, British Research Institution, London, Eng., who is credited with the development of the new cancer treatment, known as "H.I.I." The treatment was developed from the idea that the parathyroid gland might prevent the growth of the disease or cause it to regress.

Given Second Chance

The British Empire To Profit By Experiences Of The Past

The British Empire has been given a second chance. In the years between the two wars we neglected the duty to develop our heritage. Now it is certain that we shall be afforded a time to remedy that defect. Most precious of all the Empire's assets are its raw material resources.

Our enemies coveted them above all things, and the Japanese, during the war, entered the war in their pursuit, came near to success, and still hold in Malaya and Burma valuable hostages to fortune. There must be speed in recovering what we have lost. But the issue is not in doubt. Our "second chance" awaits us. We shall seize it, however, only if we have learned the lessons of the past.

That the rule of bureaucrats and bankers must never be allowed to choke the spirit of private enterprise that Government-inspired policies of deflation spell disaster, and that by our own strength alone we can guarantee the safety of the Empire and the peace of the world.—London Express.

Anthony Eden's Error

Was Opposite Hitler In Last War And Missed Him

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told this one in a speech at a House of Commons Press Gallery luncheon: "I was reproached by a friend of mine who asked, 'Is it true that you were opposite Hitler in the line in the last war?' I said, 'Yes, I understand I was from what Hitler told me.'"

"So he said, 'Well, you ought to be taken from this room and shot.' I asked 'Why?' And he replied: 'You missed him, didn't you?'"

LEAD LIFE OF TERROR

German preparations against an Allied invasion of the Netherlands have resulted in a reign of "terror and destruction behind the Atlantic Wall," according to the Dutch underground paper, Vrij Nederland. Netherlands people are dragged from their beds by the Germans and forced to work all night digging trenches while women are forced to do washing for the German soldiers, the paper said.

BOMB CASUALTIES

Civilian bomb casualties in England for February were the highest in any month since May 1941. The total number of casualties for the month was 2,673 persons killed, missing and injured.

Food Value

Canadian Emergency Field Rations Contribute To Army's Fighting Spirit

Sergeant George Smith is a young Saskatchewan boy, member of a well-known Canadian Regiment. Together with his comrades, he's slugging his way through the treacherous mountains below Rome, fighting with all his might and main in the cold drizzle, sleet, and mud of early spring. When there's a lull in the fighting, Smith takes out his emergency field rations and makes the best of what he has. And that best is pretty good!

Sergeant Smith's food story might have been different had he served in the last war. In 1914-18, meals in the field were mostly of the "catch-as-catch-can" variety. But things are different this time. Nutritionists attached to Canada's army knew that, in many cases, the Canadian soldier would depend upon the food value of his emergency field rations to keep him in their pitching. That's one reason why field rations provide 3,750 calories of food value per day, more than the average Canadian requires for heavy manual work.

"Just what does a Canadian Army Mess Tin Ration contain," is a question people often ask the army nutrition experts. The experts point out that each ration per day per man contains the following foods: tinned beef, pork and sardines, specially prepared biscuits, pasteurized cheese in a wax-dipped carton, jam and butter in tins, pea soup powder, tea, coffee, skim-milk sugar mixture, chocolate malted milk with skim milk and vitamins in packages; lump sugar, chocolate, hard candies, chewing gum and salt. Each ration also contains ascorbic acid in tablet form. This makes up for the absence of fresh fruit and vegetables. Cigarettes and matches complete the kit. Soldiers also carry a two pint water bottle in their field kit.

What works out on paper and in theory does not always prove satisfactory in practice. To prove that the field ration was more than adequate, strenuous tests were carried out before it was introduced officially. Men went on long marches and camping trips during which they lived entirely on this daily ration. On one occasion during the tests, when a farm housewife sent a column of young soldiers coming down the road, she ran out to her gate and offered them a batch of steaming hot cookies and told them to help themselves to the fruits of her apple trees. The boys, anxious not to cheat on themselves or on their comrades whose lives might depend on the results of their experiments, regretfully refused, to the kindly housewife's utter amazement.

These "Field Trials" proved that the emergency field ration will maintain men under conditions of extreme exertion for a period of nine days, without loss of weight or efficiency. The Canadian soldiers who understudied their comrades in the field, reported that they could live for a month or longer on these daily rations without any ill effects.

Canadian Help

A High Tribute Is Paid To Canada's War Aid

The London Sunday Observer said that "none of history's tributes to Allied pooling will outrun that due to Canada."

"Canadian help," said the newspaper, "has been very big. In the Dominion's new agreements with Britain, Russia, Australia, New Zealand, China and Fighting France, the most generous of terms are stated."

All that Canada looks for, the article concluded, are freedom of trade and post-war co-operation.

Much Maligned Bird

Legend About Ostrich Being Stupid Has Never Been Proved

In making disparaging remarks about anybody and accusing him or her of stupidity it has been a time-honored custom to compare such a person with an ostrich. There is considerable reason to believe that in this respect the ostrich has been maligned and misrepresented.

The Encyclopaedia Britannica in an article on the ostrich, which contains many interesting habits of the bird, ignores the head-in-the-sand legend completely. If the legend is true one would think that the Britannica would make at least a passing reference to such a curious trait. Instead the article gives credit to the ostrich for more than one commendable trait, especially as a parent and family man.

The ostrich obviously is a survivor from the age when strange creatures roamed the earth, some of which were veritable dragons and others harmless, although huge. There were remarkable animal and reptilian monstrosities, whose bones have been found by fossil hunters and whose skeletons have been reconstructed. The giraffe seems to have been a scion of a long-necked beast that fed off the foliage of high trees in antediluvian swamps. The rhinoceros and the hippopotamus well may be relics of some of the other fierce and massive brutes of the ancient era. The ostrich, too, seems to be just such a survivor. The fact that he has survived should be strong proof that he is not so stupid as to stick his head in the sand to evade pursuit and leave the rest of his body elevated for all to see. If the doctrine of the survival of the fittest means anything the ostrich is no such fool.

It is true that wild ostriches are scarce now although a few may be found in Arabia and Africa. Most of the ostriches today are more or less domesticated and are kept for their periodic harvest of much prized feathers. It cannot be said dogmatically here that the ostrich never sticks his head in the sand in the way of a stupid attempt to escape. All that can be said is that the Britannica does not make any mention of it. It does say that the ostrich has only two toes on its feet; that its legs are very strong and that it can run with amazing speed. It also states that the ostrich is the largest living bird, sometimes being eight feet tall and weighing 300 pounds. The ostrich can defend itself by powerful kicks with its strong legs and it may be expected to employ such defence in preference to hiding its head in the sand and hoping for the best.

Until someone can prove that the ostrich is both stupid and pusillanimous let us take the ome of our own silliness and lack of gumption and not try to shoulder these off on a bird that, no doubt, has trouble enough of its own.—Fort William Times Journal.

SOME INDUCEMENT

French workers being recruited for Germany now are offered the "inducement" that if they are killed by Allied bombs their heirs will not be asked to pay inheritance tax. It was stated in a decree published in Vichy papers reaching Madrid.

AIR CADET LEAGUE

Funds Are Needed To Carry On The Work Of Organization

Generous public support of the campaign to raise a fund of \$250,000 for the Air Cadet League of Canada is anticipated by President Arthur L. Melling of Montreal. Since the first squadron was organized in 1941 the air cadet movement has grown to large proportions with still further development in prospect.

"At our annual meeting in February, Air Minister Power urged the League to carry on its work and not diminish our activities in the slightest," said Mr. Melling in referring to the new program of national objectives announced at the meeting. "These are in line with the wishes of the air minister and our belief in the value of air training for the youth of Canada, combining the four factors of war effort, expansion, education and morale."

Funds contributed in the campaign, said Mr. Melling, will be used to further the national, provincial and local development program, to continue with squadron organization and maintenance work and to further promote public interest in aviation and air training for youth. Canadian boys have a natural instinct for flying and Canada now has an opportunity to establish her position as a dominating factor in the new air age of the future.

Provincial chairmen and other officials of the Air Cadet League throughout Canada are supervising organization of local committees in their territory to promote public interest and obtain contributions for the fund. With only a limited amount of time available to complete the drive it is hoped that all who desire to be identified with the work of the League will get in touch with one of their local squadron committee members.

The names of the provincial chairmen are: R. E. Sturges, Vancouver, B.C.; D. A. Ross, Calgary, Alta.; H. E. Drope, Regina, Sask.; G. M. Eaton, Winnipeg, Man.; Sir Ellsworth Flavelle, Toronto, Ont.; C. D. Taylor, Montreal, Que.; C. K. Beveridge, Saint John, N.B.; W. E. Donovan, Halifax, N.S.; A. R. Brennan, Summerside, P.E.I.

Experiment Worked

Egyptian Fellahs Trained To Repair Rolling Stock Of Allies

Over a year ago a training school for the fellahs was started in Cairo, Egypt. The school was to train mechanics for the repair of motorized rolling stock used by the Allies. The fellahs earn usually about 30 cents a day, and they live mainly on black bread and beans. Yet now there are eight hundred of them doing work, said to be equal to what European mechanics would produce. The "boss" treats them like "white men," and pays them accordingly, and they respond. They get one day off each week, and nobody pushes or kicks them. The experiment has been a success. The fellahs are really "men"—War Cry (Toronto).

QUITE A DIFFERENCE

Since price control was adopted in Canada the cost of living has advanced little more than 3 per cent., as against 33 per cent. during the corresponding period of the Great War.

Filing Her Way To Victory!



It has been estimated that in 1940, one woman in 196 was employed in industry; in December 1943, one in 24. Just the other day, women into vital war work, this young Canadian can handle a file as deftly as any man in turning out parts in an airplane factory. Not long ago, she looked on a file as something used solely to manicure her nails.

We Can Do Better

Be Ready to Do More

CANADIAN AIRMEN VISIT WELSH MINE

Members Of Royal Canadian Air Force Mingled With Miners At Work

(By F.O. R. J. Taylor, R.C.A.F. Public Relations Officer)

Half a mile underground, in the muffled darkness of a modern Welsh colliery, eight grimy members of the Royal Canadian Air Force met insular Britons toiling at the coal face. The Canadians were the first to visit citizens of the motherland at work, under arrangements made by the British Council, a national organization devoted to fostering goodwill.

Introduced by H. G. Davies, chief surveyor for the Llay Mains Colliery, the Canadians and the miners soon were engaged in a friendly discussion as to the merits of working "above" and "below" the earth's surface, and each opined his job was the easiest.

The R.C.A.F. visitors were welcomed by H. O. Ball, secretary of the colliery and assisted with coal, helmets and lanterns. As the party descended the half-mile to the pit bottom so quickly that ear-drums clicked, Flying Officer F. C. Goring (without the 's'), of Samaria, Ontario, expressed the common thought: "Whoee, just like a power dive."

Examining the joints and securing his feet in the limestone "safety" dust was Pilot Officer Douglas I. Hall, 23-year-old hardrock miner from Timmins, Ontario, who informed his friends: "Hm, this seems like home again."

As the overalls fitted debarbed from the cage, the "onsetter," Freddie Edwards, 26, surveyed the strange cargo he had lowered and shouted a cheery "Ulo, chaps." His 16-year-old assistant grinned through a layer of coal. He chose this job when he became eligible for the strange employment in one of several industries.

The Canadians waved and fled past up slants and down grades, churning the dust and puffing dust. Only the slender geologist in the lead seemed to be breathing easily. He explained the work of the rippers and cutters, and how limestone dust nullified the explosive qualities of coal dust, and heat and pressure lift the floors so that rippers had to cut new cellophane to the tunnel.

"I'll take a Mustang any time," Pilot Officer H. G. Gilmour, of 299 Barton Ave., Toronto, murmured as he squeezed between a row of half-ton trucks up a 25 per cent grade. The shift boss, stocky Ron. Robinson, explained how the coal was undercut, shot, and then fed into half-ton trucks on a long conveyor belt.

He rapped with a short stick on the ceiling, beyond the shoring, and a large piece of coal crashed on the metal chute. During a breathing spell H. Tudor, a native of North Wales, and Flight Lieut. T. W. Thomas, R.A.F., education officer, staged an impromptu debate on government ownership of the mines.

The clatter of the miniature marshall yard around the cages was deafening. Here they sat tall Wilfred Williams, 27, who had worked in this colliery since he was 14. Introduced, he remarked "Will you pardon my glow?" This work spoils the beauty of my hands for my weekends. Williams offered a job to any Canadian visitor and Flying Officer F. G. Gilbertson, Toronto, replied above the screeching pulleys and rumbling trucks: "We'll take a nice quiet war anytime."

At the top of the hoist a miner handed to F.O. Jack Milne, of Toronto, R.C.A.F. cameraman, the camera he had "checked" along with all matches, cigarettes and lighters, before the Canadians entered the mine. Other members of the party were Flying Officer A. Lightbody of New Westminster, B.C., and Flying Officer J. D. McIlveen, of Hanna, Alberta. Pilot Officer Hall was asked how this Welsh coal mine compared with the one he had seen in Canada. He replied there was a vast difference between coal mining and hardrock mining, but many of the Canadian miners he had seen were "wet", and the smaller ones were without the personnel facilities he had seen here. By a coincidence the minimum wage of \$1 a day for underground workers, which British miners were now asking, represented the \$4.64 which Canadians had set as a minimum, but the Canadians now received a cost of living bonus in addition, he pointed out. "In Canada," he said, "people look up to the miners. Men go to universities and work in the mines in the summer, eagerly. Over here they don't regard mining as a very attractive job."

More than 1,000 systems of short-hand have been in use, the first dating to the days of Julius Caesar.

The first medical record was probably written 3,000 years ago by Imhotep, physician to the Pharaohs.

Canuck Fighter Pilots Visit Coal Mine



Three Canadian Mustang fighter pilots whose usual job is to sweep the sky of enemy planes a mile above the ground, were among recent visitors to the workings of a Welsh coal mine, half a mile underground. Showing evidence of their visit to the grimy facings, left to right, are: P.O. A. Lightbody of New Westminster, B.C.; F.O. J. D. McIlveen of Hanna, Alberta; and F.O. F. C. (without the "E") Goring of Samaria, Ontario. First visit to British industries by R.C.A.F. personnel in England, the tour was under the auspices of the British Council of Liverpool, a goodwill organization. The Canadian party, including former hard rock miners from Ontario, inspected the surface and underground workings, compared notes with the Welsh pit workers and later visited their recreation rooms.

In Position To Know

General Bernard Montgomery Gives His Opinion About German Soldiers

Gen. Bernard L. Montgomery, former commander of the British Eighth Army, now British Army group commander under Eisenhower, adds an authoritative word to the discussion as to the extent of German depravity. He divides German soldiers into two classes. The older sort, who were pretty well grown up before the Nazis could get at them, are "correct, almost considerate" opponents, who in Africa picked up British wounded as well as their own and gave fair treatment to prisoners of war. The younger ones, whose minds were formed in the Nazi school, are "thoroughly nasty".

From personal experience General Montgomery must be expected to know more about these things than those of us who have just stayed at home and thought about them. If we draw the natural conclusions from what he says we are still faced with a hard problem, for there are many millions of young Germans of both sexes who have never known anything but Nazism. We don't wish to kill all of them or keep them all locked up for the rest of their lives. We will have to re-educate them, chiefly by showing them in battle that crime doesn't pay, and secondarily in more quiet ways. But the more civilized nature of the older group is encouraging. If the Germans have been de-civilized they can be re-civilized. A peace of justice and firmness might produce a decent young Germany ten years from now. —New York Times.

The sharp edges of volcanic rock on Ascension Island in the South Atlantic can wear out a pair of heavy army boots in six days.

Wound Stripes

Air Force Wounded Will Be Entitled To Wear Insignia

Men and women of the R.C.A.F. wounded while in the service or while serving with a civilian defense organization before enlistment will be entitled to wear wound stripes under an order announced at air force headquarters. The order, which announced recall of war service chevrons, authorized earlier, described the newly adopted stripe as a strip of gold braid one and one-half inches long, to be worn vertically on the left sleeve of the tunic. A similar stripe of red rayon has been authorized for veterans of the First Great War who were wounded in action.

Planters Were Wise

Kept New Guinea Rubber Plantations Cleared Of Encroaching Jungle

Along the south coast of New Guinea 73 civilian planters, with many native laborers, are putting the rubber plantations back into harness, and expect to reach the pre-war output of 1,200 tons in the first year. Planters had to leave when the Japs was up on the range, but even at that time a military unit was detailed to keep the plantations cleared of encroaching jungle. The Army has been maintaining the plantations there since they went back last July, and they work under the protection of the G.O.C. New Guinea. They are paid for their product on a profit margin equal to pre-war.—Brandon Sun.

During the blitz, one British war plant was working at 90 per cent of capacity while one part of it was on fire.

Newest Corvette

Built In Britain For The Canadian Navy, Is The Envoy Of Commanders

The newest corvette of the Royal Canadian navy is the Forest Hill, a special long-range job with all the latest anti-submarine equipment, built in Britain. She is the envy of a lot of commanders who are sailing older ships as they see her moored at a northern Ireland port in her fresh gray-white camouflage. Among veteran Canadian corvettes and frigates around her she stands out like a debutante at a clam bake. The commander is Lieut. E. U. Jones of Montreal, who sailed in the Canadian destroyer Assiniboine and Ottawa and captained the corvette Nanaimo for 16 months after being her first lieutenant for six months.

Buffer-vest senior petty officer to the crown—is Henry Sylvester of Winnipeg and Victoria.

Others in the ship's company include Garry Flock, Winnipeg, and Bill Zaccala, Port Arthur, Ont.

All officers have been on Atlantic escort duty before and to have most of the crew. All they need now to make the ship complete is a plaque or a picture from Forest Hill village, Toronto suburbs, for their war room. The spot on the wall for that customary item is still empty.

PARACHUTE JUMPING

These days parachute jumping is no more dangerous than jumping off a slow moving bus. Sprained ankles and wrists are down to a minimum, which is largely due to the fact that the parachutes are painstakingly packed. One British Flight-Sergeant has been responsible for the packing of 38,000 parachutes and says he has never had one fail to open.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

Post-War Jobs

Buying Power Of The People Should Stimulate Production

Many people are facing with a considerable measure of apprehension the problems that will come with peace. Their fears have a basis in that well remembered past when, to almost every one, unemployment was a tragic reality. It was a reality that left its mark in a ranking bitterness and lost confidence, and even in a questioning as to the ultimate fate of this country. Perhaps as a result, some Canadians are turning to what may seem an obvious answer—some form of governmental paternalism that might shield us from a repetition of those grim days of a decade ago.

The fault of this reasoning is the failure to recognize that it wasn't enterprise that went wrong for us. It was buying power that collapsed. It began by the loss of the markets from the Great War, and because no one found an immediate remedy the situation pyramided on itself. Men were out of work and therefore couldn't themselves provide the demand that would have assured them employment.

Quite naturally, many persons who can remember those dark days are fearful of a repetition, and look to government to provide employment. Some such action may be a necessary part of cushioning the shock of the sudden return of tens of thousands to civilian life. But it is well, at the same time, to realize that this can never be a lasting safeguard. No government has more than a limited employment to offer. When it attempts to do more, it must do so by taxing the people at large—by taking from the worker a percentage of his earnings in order that he may keep himself employed. Such a course, if long continued, could have but one result, a steady decline in the standard of living of the whole people.

The ordered course of an employed people buying for their own needs will provide security and the standard of living that has been our pride. Work that is undertaken not because the product of that work is needed, but largely to provide employment, will fail surely operate the other way.

There are sufficient indications, we believe, that if we avoid too much interference with the orderly course of affairs and if we thereby leave to Canadian citizens an adequate part of the money they earn, they will themselves provide the buying power to assure employment for all.

It might be worth running over a few items of supporting evidence. On the authority of the statistical department of the Royal Bank, we are told that two and a half billion dollars in war bonds and savings certificates are owned by individuals in Canada. Add to this the additional backlog, running into many millions of dollars, in refundable taxes. In the savings banks of Canada there is another vast reservoir of buying power, a total of almost another two billion dollars. As an added security there is an item of almost two billion dollars that has been invested in life insurance in Canada since the war began.

Do these facts suggest a penitence people? Do they not rather suggest a people who have voluntarily reserved their spending power so that now there is this tremendous volume of resources available to purchase the goods that industry can produce, and that therefore industry will need employees to provide these goods?

There will be troubled problems of adjustment, of course. But buying power does exist to provide the initial impulse to stimulate production and to assure employment that will result in new buying power and further increasing employment. All the factors that worked against us can also work for us. This is the way that offers real security.—From Liberty Magazine.

WELFARE WORK OF THE AIR FORCE

Dealing With Problems Connected With Airwomen And Airmen

Flight Officer Mary Clarke of the R.C.A.F., understands people. As chief of the Women Auxiliary Services Officers—experienced social workers, all—she deals with welfare for the Air Force, and a day at her desk sees a court of human relations in action. In civilian life airmen and airwomen counted on their nearest and dearest to hear their troubles. Now they frequently look to someone in the service and that is where Flight Officer Clarke does her work. Her office door is open, a telephone at hand. Variety is the spice of her job, and it's never ending.

The \$64,000 question came from an anxious airwoman who rushed in, as she might to an elder sister, breathless with her worries. "Please—how can I stay in New York? I go there on leave?" she asked. "I love it or not, I could tell her," smiled the Flight Officer.

There is more drama than frivolity in most of the queries. Not only airwomen but airmen, Officers and airwomen come round with their dependents come round with them. Divorce, family illness, financial worries—they're all in the day's work. There's compensation for shouldering the sorrow, the Flight officer thinks when an airman's wife has the baby who was ill round to call, and show how well it is, or an airwoman comes back from special leave to say her parents are better.

No one knows better than this Officer the importance of the letters of "them is tragic" and Flight Officer Clarke. Witness the case of an airman overseas who wrote to find out why his wife hadn't written for three months. A social worker called and found all well except that the wife, busy with four small children, had neglected her correspondence. Wives, worried about lack of overseas mail, also write to the Air Force.

Dependents, burdened with hospital bills, sometimes need help. Widows, awaiting settlement of their husbands' estates, require temporary financial assistance. Problems of a medical or legal nature are turned over to appropriate branches.

In a larger sphere, she prepares recommendations from welfare committees, to guide them in helping airwomen in the service and after discharge. Liaison with national and community welfare organizations is one of her big responsibilities. She might be tabulating material on rehabilitation; drafting an order to call service personnel's attention to assistance Travellers' Aid is ready to give them; drawing up a discussion for officers of the women's services concerning joint camps with Veterans' Affairs and W.D. can enjoy their summer furiously—writing notes for a conference on "Women in the Postwar World."

A graduate of the University of Toronto's School of Social Science, F.O. Clarke works with the Toronto Division of family welfare for the four "depression years", was with the Ontario Provincial Unemployment Branch for two years, then spent six years with the Social Service Index in Toronto before enlisting. She is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles F. Clarke of Goderich.

"Here at headquarters, I see most of my problems on paper," she said ruefully. "But the Auxiliary Services Officers out in the R.C.A.F. Commands see that the personal contacts are there."

There are six in the Air Force—all like F.O. Clarke, trained in social work. Stationed at centres from coast to coast, they visit R.C.A.F. units in each district and interview those who wish to see them.

They are: Section Officer Rhea Clarke of Toronto, Section Officer Jean Christie of Winnipeg, Section Officer Freda Smea of Calgary, Section Officer Winona Blenkinsop of Victoria, Section Officer Isabel Hunter of Montreal, and Section Officer Margaret Woodworth of Halifax.

Took No Chances

Marshal Foch Did Not Figure On Germany Breaking Up

With regard to predictions when the war in Europe may end, it is well to recall that Marshal Foch in the last war was not able to see very far ahead. If any man should have been able to approximate the date of victory, it was he. Yet in July of 1918 he was furthering preparations for the decisive battle he believed would be fought in 1919. When Foch made those plans victory was less than five months away, but he was taking no chances on Germany cracking up.

By watching the steps of other couples who hesitate is more self and dumb persons can dance in time to music.

Canadians Decorated For Bravery In Italy



Six Canadians decorated for bravery in the Italian campaign are shown above. They are, from left to right, Capt. P. L. Cadevan of Glace Bay, N.S., awarded the Military Cross; Cpl. G. J. Baras of Winnipeg, Man., and Bdr. J. L. Reynolds of Vancouver, B.C., both awarded the Military Medal. Lower, from left to right, Sgt. J. McDougall of Toronto, Bdr. C. A. Rowe of Kingston and Toronto, Ont., and L-Bdr. D. C. Roland of Vancouver, B.C., all three awarded the Military Medal.

Intelligent Dogs

Able To Distinguish Between Two Types Of Siren Alarms

The British National Canine Defence League points out that dogs seem to be able to distinguish between the two types of siren noises. The alert, which has a sliding up and down tone, upsets them, but "ratters passed", which has a long high steady tone, restores their equanimity. It is hoped that the dogs don't understand everything which is going on in the world, otherwise their estimation of their human masters might suffer.—Gushie Mercury.

It is only six minutes by bomber plane from Dover, England, to Calais, nearest port of occupied France.

We Can Do Better



In the past, wars have brought with them a high cost of living, ending with inflation.

This sapped the strength of nations and added poverty and injustice to the other tragedies of war.

Later it has led to falling prices and unemployment.

In this war, we Canadians are determined to head off this danger.

We have done much to avoid a repetition of the disastrous price rises of previous wars.

We have paid higher taxes. We have bought Victory Bonds. We have severely limited profits.

We have put a ceiling on prices. And to make it possible to hold the ceiling, wages and salaries have been controlled.

In one way or another most increased costs have been absorbed and very few passed on to the consumer.

Holding the ceiling has been a struggle. But the results have been worth while. From 1914 to 1919 prices rose 60%. From 1939 to 1944 the rise has been only 18%.

This effort of the Canadian people has been successful enough to be noted in other countries.

But we must continue to hold the line. We need not let history repeat itself. We can do better.

We can all help—

By cutting down unnecessary spending, and buying Victory Bonds instead.

By not hoarding or buying in black markets.

By not taking advantage of the war situation to press claims for higher prices, higher wages, higher rents or higher profits.

(This advertisement is one of a series being issued by the Government of Canada to emphasize the importance of preventing a further increase in the cost of living now and in the future.)

Hardy Raspberries

Results show there are varieties of raspberries that are able to survive extremely low winter temperatures and produce a satisfactory crop of fruit the following year. Tests of varieties at the Dominion Experimental Farm, Indian Head, are designed to determine the hardiness as well as the productiveness of the different sorts. No protection of any kind is given to the canes so that a true picture as to the relative hardiness of each sort is secured. Growing conditions were comparable among all varieties.

Information secured in the past three years, during which extremes of winter temperatures were endured, show that the different varieties naturally classify themselves into five groups insofar as hardiness is concerned. Of the varieties under test, the following information has been secured. Group one, being the hardest, consists of Chief and Sunbeam. Chief is the most reliable for general use. It is not only one of the hardest, but also the heaviest yielder. Berries are large, good color and of moderately good quality. If only one variety were to be grown, this should be it. Sunbeam is hardy but is not so productive as Chief. It is very spiny, making picking unpleasant.

Group two, next in hardiness, is composed of Ottawa and Ohta. Ottawa is a recent introduction from the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, and up to the present appears the most promising of the many introductions from that source under test. It is a vigorous grower, producing large, firm, dark red fruits of good quality. It is next to Chief in point of productiveness. Ohta is an old variety that, while hardy, has lost favor because of size of fruit and low quality when canned. The ripe fruit drops readily, making frequent picking necessary.

Group three finds Latham and Ruddy together. Latham is an old variety, hardy and comparatively productive of large red fruit. Ruddy, a newcomer, is a vigorous grower that needs support to keep the fruit clean. It is productive of large, purple fruits that are too soft to permit of storing or shipping.

Group four, Newman 23, Herbert, Rideau and Madawaska, have equal rating for hardiness. The last two are introductions from the Central Experimental Farm, and may do better when well established. Group five contains those varieties that are killed back, on the average, more than 50 per cent. The list includes Newburgh, Adams 87, and Viking which would probably come through the winter 100 per cent if bent over and covered with soil. This is not necessary when possible to secure a crop of fruit each season from varieties that are reliably hardy.

Boy Friend (on the telephone): "Whatcha doin' Sattidy night?" "Gotta date." "Anna next Sattidy night?" "Gotta date." "Well, twiddle my moustache, woman, doncha ever take a bath?"

British Farmers Saved The Day

(W. D. Albright in The Budget) When Great Britain came to England's aid in 1939 she put herself in Hitler's pathway, knowing he would lose the full fury of his U-boats on an island only 65,000 square miles in extent, with a population of over forty-five million, growing hardly sufficient food to supply her needs for two days out of seven. Her merchant shipping was threatened by a million tons less than in 1914. Think of it! Eighty-five thousand square miles only—about 74 per cent of the area of the Peace River watershed.

In 1939 in England and Wales the arable acreage was under nine million, the acreage under grass sixteen million and under "rough grazings" five and a half million acres. Preparations were begun in 1939, before war broke out. Each county was given a quota of additional plowed land and committees were set up to see that it was accomplished. In 1940 over two million acres of additional land was broken up in spite of a bad plowing season. The next year another two million acres was plowed and resulted in the great harvest of 1941, which was gathered from an arable acreage increased by 8.8 per cent during the war years. By the summer of 1943 the increase had expanded to nine million acres. And they are still plowing. Old pastures are plowed for grain, and arable areas are seeded to fresh crops with productive meadow mixtures as devised by Sir George Stapledon.

All this has been done in spite of planes and bombs. Land girls have been machine-gunned on their tractors and in one county alone 70,000 bombs fell on farm land during six months.

PLENTY OF STEEL FOR IMPLEMENTS

Sufficient steel for all reasonable uses is now available, according to a statement made in the House of Commons by Munitions Minister Howe. The minister also revealed that restrictions on the use of steel in agricultural implements have been removed. He added, however, there is little hope for an early release of metal roofing. Mr. Howe said the capacity for the manufacture of this sheet metal is badly overloaded.

SIR HARRY OAKES' ESTATE \$13,165,847

Nassau, Bahamas—Final valuation of Sir Harry Oakes' personal estate, filed with the registrar of the Bahamas supreme court, was placed at \$13,165,847 (about \$13,165,847), considerably lower than the estimated \$20,000,000 last July when he was bludgeoned to death and his body set adrift in his palatial Bahamas residence. His son-in-law, Alfred De Migny, husband of Sir Harry's oldest daughter, Nancy, was tried for the murder but acquitted.

"COMBINED OPERATIONS INCLUDE YOU"



● Invasion demands more action from every fighting service . . . combined operations. Combined operations include you, too.

Despite the shortage of help and equipment, Canadian farmers have responded nobly to demands for increased production of foods.

But there is one thing on which a better job can still be done.

MORE MONEY is needed to fight a more intensive war.

All Canadians will be asked to furnish this money. It's a duty that we who are at home owe to the men on the fighting fronts.

In these days most farmers have higher incomes . . . money to save. And that is the job that they are asked to do . . . save money and lend it to Canada.

You are not asked to give money . . . just to lend it. When the war is over you'll have this money to "plough back" into your farm. So save now to lend to your country. Save to have money to improve your farm; money for new stock and implements; money for more land or new buildings . . . for a new car . . . for new furnishings and conveniences for your home.

All you can lend is little enough for a cause so vital for a need so urgent. And the more that you can save and lend to your country now, the more you will have for your own use when the war ends.



Be Ready to Buy MORE VICTORY BONDS

National War Finance Committee

We Can Do Better

Be Ready to Run More

WILLIAM L. BRYAN

Flood Of Overseas Mail From All Parts Of Canada Is One Of Our Busiest War Industries

LETTER writing—as a means of boosting the morale of the Fighting Forces—is taking increasing hold on the imagination of the Canadian public. Judged by the recent striking increase in the flood of overseas mail from all parts of the country, writing letters to servicemen can now be ranked as one of Canada's busiest "war industries."

This encouraging news was announced by the Department of National Defence. The statement revealed that the average daily volume of overseas mail cleared through the Base Post Office has broken all records. With the Canadian public now wide awake to the vital part letters from home play on the fighting fronts, there is every indication that even greater volume may be attained as the year wears on.

To gather all these millions of letters from the hundreds of thousands of mail boxes scattered all over Canada, sort them, package them, bag them and prepare them for transport overseas as rapidly as available transport permits is a tremendous undertaking. It requires the combined effort of the Canadian Post Office Department and the Canadian Postal Corps to handle the job.

First to go into action after the letter is dropped into a box is the Canadian Post Office Department. In cities its trucks pick up the letters and rush them to local Post Offices. Here, after stamps have been cancelled, the letters are sorted and the overseas mail separated from the rest. It is then tied up in bundles, locked in mail bags and despatched to the Base Post Office. The ordinary mail is sent by rail, air mail goes by plane.

At the Base Post Office the Canadian Postal Corps takes over. The Base Post Office is a six-story building which is used as a clearing house for every overseas letter mailed in Canada. Here, the serviceman's mail passes through two more sorting operations.

After being segregated according to the various Arms of the Services, the mail is taken direct to the "final cases." Here scores of Postal Sorters, soldiers and C.W.A.C. standing before long rows of pigeon-holed "letter cases," sort each letter according to the unit or formation to which it is addressed.

The final sorting completed, the letters are removed from their respective pigeon-holes and "tied out." This, in layman's language simply means stacked into bundles, with paper "facing slips" on top bearing the name of the unit or formation, and securely tied with heavy twine.

As a stimulant to greater accuracy in sorting, and as a check in case of error, each "facing slip" bears the regimental number of the soldier or C.W.A.C. responsible for revising and checking the bundle.

After bundling, the letters are packed into special mail bags each tagged with the name of a particular unit or formation. The bags are then closed, tied and sealed with a lead seal.

All mail bags bear a label showing both the bag number and the despatch number. There may be a hundred bags, for example, in one despatch, numbered consecutively from 1 to 100. This precaution makes it possible for the receiving office overseas to note instantly if any bags are missing and greatly facilitates the job of tracing.

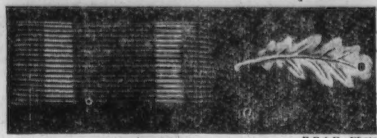
Letters going overseas via the R.C.A.F. Air Transport Service go from the Base Post Office direct to the airport. Here they are loaded on a waiting plane while an official of the R.C.A.F. checks the entire despatch as it goes on board and turns over a signed receipt to the representative from the Base Post Office. Letters routed overseas via the Canadian Government Trans-Atlantic Air Service are checked aboard the plane in the same manner.

It is pointed out that overseas letter mail prepaid at surface rates does not always travel via air routes. It may go via surface (rail and steamship) or by air, depending on the accommodation available.

When it is necessary to forward letter mail by surface, that is, by rail and ship, it is trucked back to a local Post Office where civilian postal authorities again take over and speed it to the port of embarkation.

Canada's Base Post Office, through which passes every piece of overseas mail directed to the Canadian Fighting Forces, is under the command of Major R. Stephen. Capt. R. R. Kightley is second in command and Lieuts. W. R. Allen and R. McKinnon are officers in charge of Postal Operations and Letters, respectively. These officers are all

Oak Leaf For Mention In Despatches



Members of the three armed services who have been mentioned in despatches will soon be wearing the small bronze oak leaf pictured here. In the last war, those who were "mentioned" wore a palm leaf superimposed on service ribbons. In this war, since silver maple leaves are already issued to denote service overseas, the oak leaf is worn beside the service ribbon. The ribbon shown here is that of the Canadian Voluntary Service Medal.

To Visit Canada

Will Make A Study Of Canadian Health Methods

Miss Florence Horsburgh, parliamentary secretary to the British minister of health, will shortly visit Canada to study Canadian health methods, including hospital, infant welfare, nursing and nutrition. She will speak at various gatherings to be arranged by the Public Health League on what Britain is doing in wartime to cope with the health of women and children and factory workers.

"It is my first visit to the Dominion," she said, "and I am looking forward to seeing people who are not like us in this country in tired clothes and shabby houses, without the blackout and all the drawbacks of wartime life here."

Though the British people are undoubtedly tired with the tremendous war effort they have made Miss Horsburgh says they are more basically healthy than before the war.

HAS BEEN PATIENT

Speaking of the action taken by Great Britain against Eire, Prime Minister Churchill says: "No one, I think can reproach us for precipitancy. No nation in the world would have been so patient." Had Hitler's air force not been defeated in the Battle of Britain, just where does Mr. de Valera imagine that Eire and her neutrality would be today?

RUBBER FROM CEYLON

Ceylon's crude rubber production exceeds the combined output of all the other territories accessible to the Allies.

For The Fatherland

German Looking Ahead For Another Chance To Dominate The World

When Canadians captured that Nazi parachutist who had been wounded and blinded in Italy, he was still gripping a machine gun, still firing at whatever noises he thought might indicate our men, says the Windsor Star.

The Nazi was furious, he blamed his comrades for not putting up a hard enough battle. Then he told the Canadians:

"My father was a good soldier. I have been a good soldier. I hope my son will be a good soldier in the next war."

It is bred right into the Germans that they are to be soldiers. It is part of their education to absorb the idea that they must fight and die for Germany and the German ambition to conquer the world.

This German captured in Italy was thinking that his father had fought in the 1914 bid of Germany for world domination, he had fought in the present bid for Germany, and he was looking ahead another 25 years to when his son would be fighting for another German bid for world conquest.

That is the way the German people think.

DEDICATED TO AIMMEN

A massive and vigorously executed mural, dedicated to the achievements of the R.C.A.F. and believed to be the largest mural ever executed in a public place in Canada, was unveiled in Toronto Union Station.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

Striking Example Of United Nations Collaboration Is The Saga Of A French Sloop Of War

If you want one of the finest examples of United Nations collaboration, you have only to look at the French sloop-of-war Le Vaisseau "Chevreuil"—if you can find her. She is manned by a crew composed of Frenchmen, Australians, Tahitians, New Caledonians and an Englishman.

Though her lifetime measures but four years, the Chevreuil has gone forth against the enemy on many occasions, supercharged not with the heaviest-hitting guns, nor the deadliest of depth charges, but with a resurgent avenging spirit.

For a time she was saved from falling into Nazi hands by intervention in the British Isles, and recently has been refitted at a Pacific coast port with the finest armament American industry produces.

Following a year's interment at a British port of haven the 800-ton sloop-of-war took on a full Free French crew, weighing anchor on September afternoon in 1940 to lash out for the first time against the hated adversary.

On convoy duty in the Atlantic during 1941 the Chevreuil twice assailed German U-boats with her anti-submarine armament, preventing the undersea marauders from looting their torpedoes at Allied merchant ships.

Twice the Nazi high command boasted they had sunk the Chevreuil, following reports from German submarine commanders that they had found buoys adrift bearing her name.

Crew members explain that when they were picking up 33 survivors from sunken Allied merchantmen in the North Atlantic they had thrown overboard buoys to help the swimmers stay afloat. The Chevreuil never bothered to rescue the buoys.

It was not the Nazis who nearly ended the life of the fighting French vessel. It was an older foe, the sea.

Among escort ships guarding an important British convoy was the Chevreuil, rolling and pitching in a rough, white-capped sea. During early morning of December 5, with the wind increasing in velocity, the Chevreuil lost her convoy when one engine broke down, her speed was reduced to three knots, and she was left behind to battle the storm alone.

All that December day she fought rising gales and huge, battering waves. Always the helmsman kept her bow into the wind, as she hung tensaciously to life by the thread of one engine.

Laboring at her three-knot speed into the vortex of the howling storm, now at its zenith, at 9:15 a.m. Dec. 6, her second engine conked out. Heavy seas twisted her parallel to the waves in a few moments. A gigantic wave engulfed the small ship completely.

There was nothing but water everywhere. It covered the deck completely, tons of it going down the stack.

So tightly did Esmaigne Bureau grip a one-inch thick iron bar that he nearly bent it double. It was three days before he could use his hands again. The slightly built Bureau said he tried later to bend the bar, but couldn't.

Three masters have trod the Chevreuil's bridge to date, Lieut. de Vaisseau Francois Fourlinier first captained her, followed by Lieut. de Vaisseau Henri Kerez, who relinquished his command to her present skipper, Lieut. de Vaisseau Pierre Villebois, a true hero of France.

Pinned above Lieutenant Villebois' left breast pocket are the Legion d'Honneur medal, France's highest military decoration; the Croix de Guerre, with three Palms; and the British Military Cross, awarded him by the English for gallantry during the Dunkirk evacuation.

When the Chevreuil put in at a small south Pacific base, which was commanded by Lieut. Villebois, he could not resist the desire to be at sea, and became her captain. That was August 13, 1943.

With the reunion throughout the world of all French forces the Chevreuil now has a crew composed of youths from six nations, as well as New Caledonia, Martinique and French North Africa.

Here aboard the French sloop-of-war Chevreuil, France is truly united. The men speak but one language—French; swear allegiance to one flag—the Tricolor; fight but one foe—the Axis.

SPIDERS' WEBS

One of the most unusual jobs in any of the services is the collection of spiders' webs to be used in the sights of binoculars and submarine periscopes. The extreme delicacy and strength of each fine thread fills the need for such precise wartime instruments.

Food and Agriculture

Canada Can Play A Real Part In Post-War Development

Dr. L. B. Pett, director of nutrition services for the pensions department, said at Toronto that food and agriculture "developed on current plans nationally and internationally may help to lead the world toward more co-operation and less war."

In an address prepared for delivery to the annual meeting of the Canadian National Live Stock Records, Dr. Pett said he is confident that Canadian agriculture can play a "real part" in such development if it is given leadership with the "true vision guiding the United Nations meetings on food last year."

The conference report said each government must study the economic problem from the standpoint of the health and welfare of its own citizens, and welfare meant "positive promotion of health and work, rather than just negative ideas of insurance against illness and unemployment."

Adequate nutrition for every Canadian, Dr. Pett said, would absorb the country's entire output of dairy products. Expansion is needed in this field, since Canada—a food exporting country, has not yet satisfied her domestic market.

"Internationally there will be a brisk demand for a short time for European relief, but it will subside. In the future we must help in promoting international co-operation on food and agriculture in the interests of helping other people with our food, and we must be prepared to accept something from them in return."

"Unless these are both calculated on the improvement achieved in human welfare rather than on a mere balance of trade dollars, we will have failed again to produce a peaceful and prosperous world."

Exquisite Crochet



7147



by Alice Brooks

A lovely variation of your favorite pineapple design makes these useful doilies. Crochet them for buffet sets or incidental pieces. Very inexpensive to do.

Exquisite doilies add beauty to your home. Pattern 7147 contains directions for doilies; illustrations of stitches.

To obtain this pattern send twenty cents in coins (stamps cannot be accepted) to Household Arts Department, Winnipeg Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Avenue E., Winnipeg, Man. Be sure to include your Name, Address and Pattern Number. "Because of the slowness of the mails delivery of our patterns may take a few days longer than usual."

EDUCATION FOR INDIA

A national system of education for India has been planned, in which all children of India will be given a good basic education. It provides for a school for Artisans, technical High Schools, and a three year diploma course for engineers.

BRITISH AIR LOSSES

In this war the British Isles have lost 28,300 pilots and air crew killed and 10,400 missing; and have lost over 10,000 aircraft.

War Activities Pictured In Railway Report



This photo-montage, reproduced from the annual report of the Canadian National Railways presented to the House of Commons, illustrates some of the many war activities of the National System. Depicted here are: Transportation of heavy war materials, troop transport, shipbuilding, maintenance of military aircraft, manufacture of naval guns and artillery mounts, and the company's

war record on the seas. Canadian National ships, converted into cruisers, are serving with the Royal Canadian Navy, and many other vessels operated by the company are transporting war cargoes.

"Our objective, as in other war years, was to place the full strength of our manpower and facilities behind the war effort of the United Nations," R. G. Vaughan, Chairman

and President, said in the report. "To this end all our energies have been directed."

The report showed record gross receipts of \$440,615,965 in 1943. The operating ratio for the year was the best in the Railway's history, being 73.64 per cent, as compared with 70.93 per cent in 1942, and 81.99 per cent in the peak peacetime year of 1922.

WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

Hansard's editor, 60-year-old Percival Corneliussen, is retiring after 20 years of editing the official record of British parliamentary debates.

Chinese despatches said a meningitis epidemic is claiming hundreds of lives daily in Japanese-held Hangchow, 100 miles southwest of Shanghai.

Saskatchewan really went into the hog business last year. In December its hog population was 99.5 per cent. higher than in 1942, with a count of 2,162,400 porkers.

Navy Minister Macdonald said in the Commons only nine Canadian Navy men are prisoners of war. Seven are in the hands of Germans and two are prisoners of Japanese.

Nazi, by closing down the Oslo Theological Seminary have put an end to all training of clergymen in occupied Norway, a Norwegian press attache release said at Montreal.

Tass news agency said that Japan is mobilizing into her navy all merchant sailors up to 60 years old and numerous students. The dispatch quoted the newspaper Asakami.

A special laboratory is being built by the mines and resources department for the purpose of studying hydrogenation of coal, Munitions Minister Howe said in the commons.

The British supply ministry has offered to buy Kenya's 1944 flax output. Flax is needed in increasing quantities for many war purposes such as canvas, tents and equipment.

A massive and vigorously executed mural, dedicated to the achievements of the R.C.A.F. and believed to be the largest mural ever executed in a public place in Canada, was unveiled in Toronto Union Station.

Denounces Mikado

Japanese Revolutionist Calls Him Greedy Blood-Sucking Capitalist Kazuo Aoyama, a fugitive from Japan because of his anti-aggression sentiments, denounces the Japanese Emperor and offers the slogan, "Down with the Mikado!"

In a signed article published recently in the Ta Kung Pao, of Chungking and forwarded by the North American Newspaper Alliance to the Hamilton Spectator, the bespectacled, Japanese revolutionist called the Mikado a greedy, blood-sucking capitalist. He offered figures and facts to show that the Mikado is no good even to the Japanese themselves, but a mean and cruel human being. In his opinion, the only way to save Japan is to do away with the Mikado and establish a truly democratic government.

Without the Mikado the Japanese militarists would have no tool to fool the public and the world. They could be better controlled by a democratic government. Without the Mikado the Japanese despotism would have no mystic foundation to use against the people, he pointed out.

Aoyama ridicules the three "national treasures" of Japan — the sacred mirror, sword and jade tablet. Japanese propagandists claim that the "treasures" were given to the first Japanese Emperor more than 2,600 years ago by the Goddess of the Sun, Japan's patron god, as symbols of power. Actually these "treasures" were made in the beginning of the present century at the order of the Japanese Imperial Household Office. Professor Hamada, of the Kyoto Imperial University, and Professor Takahashi, of the Imperial Museum, were responsible for the manufacture of the mirror and sword. The jade worker who made the jade tablet is still alive in the town of Isumo.

The sharp pen of Aoyama, who is pale of face and slightly hunch-backed, has for years been a knife against the Japanese militarists. Besides maintaining a research office to study military, political, social and economic problems of Japan, he edits a Japanese language fortnightly, International Affairs.

STURDY PARACHUTE

The British Army's parachute is so tough that it takes a jerk of 5½ tons to break its cords. Each rigging line is carefully and painstakingly made of the finest braided silk cord, tested to a breaking point of 450 lbs. The canopy is made too of the finest silk and altogether the whole business weighs 30 lbs. and costs \$280.

More than 10,000,000 training aircraft are in use by the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

Marine engines, a million times bigger than watch mechanisms, must be constructed with the same accuracy.

Today's
INFANTRY
versatile—fast moving!BEACH ASSAULT
LANDING

Out of the early-morning mist laying over the water, a blunt, scarred, paint-chipped boat's stem pushed its way silently, grates on the beach pebbles. Before the wash has had a chance to rustle on the shingle, a ramp forming the front of the boat lowers with a roar of chains and a thump, and a horde of grim, efficient infantrymen are disgorged. Another beach landing is under way. The versatile infantrymen of this war have taken even to the sea in their pursuit of the enemy. They travel to enemy shores in landing craft of many sizes each adapted for a particular use. Smaller types of these steel vessels carry only personnel. Others carry light tanks, jeeps, and small cannon, still larger ones nestle heavy tanks, supplies, heavy cannon, ammunition, and other requisites of warfare in their flat bellies. Some of these landing craft are the size of small freighters and are ocean-going. Others are carried on the decks of troop transports and launched as needed.



Tribute To Churchill

No Man Ever Carried Heavier Burden Says American Writer Hugh Malcolm McCormick, in the Miami Daily News, writes of "the titan stature of Churchill." "History holds," he says, "no parallel to Winston Spencer Leonard Churchill, born Nov. 30, 1874; half American, half Briton; soldier, statesman, author, orator and world-citizen who, at 65, shouldered the most colossal burden ever laid upon a human soul—conduct of a world strewn empire against the mightiest onset to enslave humanity in all human time."

Route To Russia

Molotov Wants Road To Link Chicago And Moscow By Way Of Canada Vice-President Henry A. Wallace writes that Vycheslav Molotov, Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, hopes to see the construction of a combined highway and airway that will link Chicago and Moscow by way of Canada, Alaska and Siberia. Wallace said Molotov had expressed himself in favor of the combined highway and airway between the United States and Siberia when he visited Africa in 1942 at which time the question was broached to him by Wallace.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



POETS SPEAK OF BIRDS FLYING HOME IN THE FALL... BUT, ACTUALLY THEY FLY HOME IN THE SPRING! HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS RAISED.



ASPARAGUS CONTINUES TO GROW AFTER IT IS CUT AND ON ITS WAY TO MARKET.

THE TERMS "LIGHT" AND "HEAVY" USED IN DESCRIBING CRUISERS, REFER TO WHAT?

ANSWER: The terms "light" and "heavy" refer to armament, not weight.

REG'AR FELLERS—Traffic Blockade



OH, BOY! SOLID ICE ALL THY WAY FROM MY HOUSE TO SCHOOL—WHAT A BREAK!

I'LL SLEEP A EXTRA HALF HOUR TOMORROW— I'LL SLIDE TO SCHOOL IN HAFFA MINUTE FLAT!

Women Scientists

Play Important Part In Research Group Conducted With R.A.F. In Britain

Women workers form one-sixth of the large body of scientists which is the research group attached to bomber, fighter and coastal commands of the R.A.F. as well as to the Admiralty, and the War Office in London.

Their work includes tests, observation and research problems connected with tanks, guns, aircraft, explosives, radio and radio-location.

If the problems they are tackling can be solved only by flying in operational aircraft, then they are taken on flights. Women have accompanied bomber and coastal reconnaissance craft to study the operation of radio installations for the detection of U-boats as well as to make ballistic tests.

Women physicists are on duty during air raids over London to observe the working of ack-ack defense as well as the properties of new explosives dropped on the city. They also conduct examinations of both damaged British and enemy planes.

Know Their Bible

Canadian Engineers In Italy Make Good Use Of It

The Maple Leaf, Canadian Army Service paper, Italy edition, says: "They talk of King's Regulations, Canadian, as the barrack-room lawyer's bible. We are a bit surprised to learn that for a group of engineers their Bible is actually The Bible. The group of Canadian sappers make good use of it, too. Recently they looked for a suitable warning to place in a field sown with German mines. Their choice:

"Tonder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy feet from evil."—Prov. 4:26-27.

The sign was the work of the Company Major.

Causes Floods

Iceland Has Some Of Most Destructive Volcanoes In World

Among the most destructive volcanoes in the world are those of Iceland, which have devastated thousands of square miles with their immense lava flows. Iceland has over 100 volcanoes, with thousands of long-active craters. Not all the damage is directly due to the lava, for strangely enough, Icelandic volcanoes in eruption sometimes cause floods. Immense quantities of ice and snow melted by the heat have been known to inundate large stretches of country.

Safety Belt

Protects Airmen From Sharks When Forced Down In Sea

Allied fliers operating in the Southwest Pacific now have a special chemical sewn into their belts to ward off sharks if they are forced down into the sea, said a message from an operational base reaching Australia.

When the belt becomes wet, the chemical and the sea water form an ever spreading liquid protective wall around the airman. Coloring components are also introduced into the chemical, so as to make the survivor easily visible from the air.

TRYING NEW CROP

Alberta, pioneer in the sugar beet industry, grower of hardy wheat and producer of much of Canada's oil and coal, is developing yet another crop—yams or as the world knows them more familiarly, sweet potatoes.

Matches or glowing cigarette ends, tossed from automobiles or left at camp sites, are the most frequent causes of forest fires.

Early secrets of watchmaking were closely guarded and handed from generation to generation within families.

Bentonite, a plastic clay-like mineral, is in oil refineries, will absorb seven times its volume of water.

Aircraft Carriers

Thirty-Eight Built In U.S. Have Been Delivered To Britain

Navy Secretary Frank Knox announced that 38 escort aircraft carriers built in the United States have been delivered to Great Britain under the Lend-Lease program. "This fleet of 38 carriers will be a part of the anti-submarine fleet of the Allied nations," Knox said at a news conference.

The escort carriers, of approximately 10,000 tons displacement each, have been one of the most potent weapons against the German submarines in the Atlantic.

Knox pointed out that with the gift of 38 of the deadly little craft to Britain 50 remain in operation with the United States Fleet.

He said the carriers were delivered by the navy to Britain without their complement of planes and that he was not personally acquainted with how and when the planes were obtained.

Telephone Of Future

Will Answer Itself And Talk Back To You

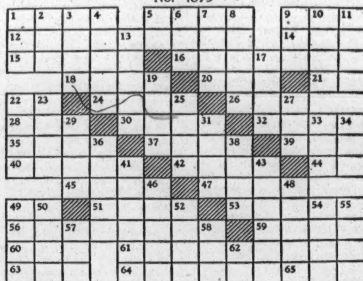
A telephone that will answer itself and talk back to you when you come home was predicted by Bell Telephone Laboratories Inc., in New York for after the war, says Newsweek.

The self-answering phone uses a recording device, usually a magnetic record on a steel tape, from which messages can later be erased by passing the tape between two poles of a magnet, thus permitting it to be used again and again.

If nobody answers the phone, the caller can start talking to the tape. When the person called comes home, he picks up the receiver and the message is "played" to him.

A variation of this device already in use records a two-way conversation for permanent records, but somebody has to pick up the receiver to make it work.

Buy War Savings Stamps Regularly.

X-X OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE X-X
No. 4875

HORIZONTAL

1 Winged vine
2 Part of a church
3 Entirely
4 Essential requisite
5 At no time
6 Vision
7 To annoy
8 Bermudian barracuda
9 That of sea
10 Latin conjunction
11 Sleigh
12 Spoken
13 Music: as written
14 Pronoun
15 Female ruler
16 At any time
17 Act
18 Period of time
19 Soaks
20 Plane surfaces
21 Wire measures
22 Preposition
23 Blue
24 Rodents
25 European fish

VERTICAL

1 Conjunction
2 Gaelic sea-god
3 High cards
4 Harvest
5 Silence
6 Cavity
7 To cease
8 Old English court
9 Part of
10 To be
11 Soli
12 Latvian

ANSWER TO No. 4874

1 RAIN
2 ALE
3 LAD
4 MIDAS
5 PLOT
6 TORA
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13 Smudge

17 Ship's officer
18 Row
19 Opera by Verdi
20 Roman highway
21 To consider
22 Greeting
23 Observed
24 To mix
25 Silk-worm
26 Sprinkled
27 Large
28 Oriental tambourine
29 Thick slice
30 Reflects
31 Vapor
32 Froze—rains
33 Thong
34 Peruvian
35 Indian
36 To grudge
37 Country in Europe
38 Swabish territorial division
39 Moslem
40 Elongated
41 fat
42 Concerning

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



This is the dog that Junior was going to walk, sister was going to bathe and feed, and for which I was to have had absolutely no responsibility!

BY GENE BYRNES



JIMMIE DUGAN!

OH, REALIZE YOU HAVE LESS THAN TWO MINUTES TO GET TO SCHOOL!

PLENTY OF TIME, MOM!

PLENTY OF TIME!

YOUR BREAD IS
EASY TO TAKE!WITH ROYAL YEAST
IT'S EASY TO MAKEOnly 2¢ a day
ensures against
baking failures!WRAPPED AIRTIGHT FOR
DEPENDABLE STRENGTHOUR COMPLETE
SHORT STORY—

Riding Double

By FRED TOOLE
McClure Newspaper Syndicate

Mel Martin twisted the gas handle grumpy—again—and again—and the shattering roar of the motorcycle rattled across the brightly lighted carnival grounds, startling the crowds, drowning out the spicers. The tall natty man to the front of the platform lifted his hand. Mel on the outside, mounting almost to the rim of heads at the top; Lana below him, gamely keeping pace. He rode doggedly. Grimly he watched Lana perform on the wall alone.

Then he took the wall himself, riding with reckless daring. Crouching on the seat, riding backwards, riding the handlebars—what did it matter? Because it was the end—the end of everything. The crowd gasped; Sparks chuckled; the applause was deafening when he finished. Then Lana sat on the handlebars and he pushed off for the last ride of the evening—his last ride, forever.

He found himself trembling, but forced his wry arms to stiffen. The cycle took the wall, circled faster and faster; and cautiously Lana went through her routine. She hung over one side; then the other, sat on the front guard, climbed to the rear guard. Then Mel straightened out the cycle and his arms went rigid. This was the climax of the show—of his whole life. Lana was to stand up on the machine.

She circled steadily, unswervingly, around the straining walls. Slowly Lana rose, until at last she stood upright, poised and true. Mel ached with anxiety. And suddenly he wondered why. Why was he worrying about her? He was losing her, wasn't he? Then why not get it over with now? All his wretched longing welled up madly within him. What did anything matter? One little tilt, one severe, and it would be over—Lana, he, everything! And that tilt came.

Shrieks went up from the crowd as the cycle roared down; the crowd leaped back as it swooped wildly up again. Mel's nerves were screaming as he fought the plunging machine on the straight wall, as he saw Lana before him clinging to the handlebars to which she had dropped. His heart was nearly bursting as he braked down the cycle and finally brought it to a halt on the floor. The machine crashed over as he gathered Lana, limp and white, into his arms.

"Why?" he choked. "Why?" The crowd was cheering, Sparks was yelling something, but they didn't matter. What mattered was Lana, and the horrible thing that had almost happened. "Why did you tip the cycle?" he groaned.

"To save—you," she gasped through pale lips. "To save—us."

"Then there was...?" His eyes widened as he scanned the planked wall.

"Oh, darling," Lana breathed shakily. "I'm glad I shan't have to worry about nails on the midge track."

Mel glanced at her quickly, but she was looking at Sparks.

"Getting a midge racer," he said harshly. "Trouping the little tracks. What's the difference?"

She stiffened at his tone, turned

Young Composers

Canadian Performing Right Society's
Seventh Annual Scholarship
Competition

The degree to which the present war has diverted the energies of young people of musical ambitions into other channels is revealed in the total of entries for the Canadian Performing Right Society's seventh annual scholarship competition for composers under the age of 22. The last day for the mailing of entries in the competition, open to aspirants in all provinces of Canada, was March 1st. In recent years the average total of entries has been about 40, sometimes one or two more; sometimes one or two less; and the first prize a \$750 scholarship at the Toronto Conservatory of Music, with subsidiary cash awards, proved a real stimulus to creative effort.

This year the total has fallen to 20, though it is gratifying to note that six of the nine provinces are represented. It is therefore clear that a considerable number of young men and women between the ages of 18 and 21 who would ordinarily be competing, are now in the armed and auxiliary services, which leaves them small opportunity for musical composition. Orchestras everywhere throughout Canada have experienced a similar drain on their personnel.

Of the 20 entrants this year twelve are boys and eight, girls; distributed over the following centres:

Ontario: Toronto, 7; St. Catharines, 1; Sudbury, 1; London, 1.
Quebec: Chicoutimi, 1; Montreal, 2; Westmount, 1.
New Brunswick: St. John, 1; Fredericton, 1.
Manitoba: Winnipeg, 1.
Saskatchewan: Regina, 1.
British Columbia: Vancouver, 1; New Westminster, 1.

The decline in entries from the prairie provinces which in past years have been well represented is particularly significant. On several occasions in the past important prizes have also gone to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, which are this year out of the picture. Usually about 80 per cent. of the contestants range between the ages of 18 and 21; but this year 11 of the 20 who have submitted manuscripts are under 18, conclusive evidence of the pre-occupation of more mature boys and girls with the war.

The Board of Adjudicators will shortly announce results.

Never Duplicated

Simple Reason Why No Two Snowflakes Are Formed Alike

Snowflakes are curious crystalline. One photomicrograph of snow crystals has made more than 4800 pictures of snowflakes and has yet to develop a duplicate.

That is not so hard to understand when you know that snowflakes are formed by millions of water molecules which gather upon a microscopic grain of dust or a salt chip in a hexagonal pattern. At low altitudes, where it is warm and moist, snowflakes are feathery and delicate. Those formed at higher altitudes are simpler, more sculptured in appearance. Snowflakes aren't always formed in clouds, either. Light snowfalls have occurred on a completely cloudless day.

Photomicrographs of snow crystals won't need to freeze at their chilly work from now on. To get a perfect impression of a little snowflake all the naturalist has to do is to let it fall on a thin plastic wafer, where it melts, leaving a permanent record of its beautiful shape in the hardened plastic.—Minneapolis Star-Journal.

AGRICULTURE RESEARCH

Agricultural Research in Great Britain is to a very large extent financed and co-ordinated by the State. In this co-ordination, the three Government Departments of Agriculture and Fisheries, Agriculture for Scotland, and the Agricultural Research Council are mainly concerned. Other Departments or organizations are also responsible for investigations which have a direct bearing on agriculture or on the utilization of agricultural products.

PROBABLY HE DID

The colored soldier had been peeling potatoes until his hands ached. Turning to a fellow soldier, he said: "What d'you suppose da sergeant meant when he call us K.P.?"

"Ah, dunno," replied his co-worker. "But from the look on his face, Ah thinks he meant 'Keep Peelin'."

WASTE PAPER SALVAGE

War Services Minister Lefebvre announced that Canadian railway companies have authorized special reduced less-than-carload freight rates for small lot shipments of waste paper from small communities to main centres so as to assist the waste paper salvage campaign. 2062

GARDEN NOTES

Flowers in Wartime

Even in wartime the real gardener will find a place for some flowers. To him the growing of beautiful flowers is more than just a hobby or recreation. It satisfies his natural craving to create something with his own hands and provides a tonic for a strung nerve. And of course the actual cost in dollars and cents is negligible. A few packets, at a total cost of a quarter, will provide a wealth of bloom, will turn some drab, neglected corner into a riot of color and beauty.

Support Big, bushy or tall plants like dahlias, tomatoes, peonies, delphinium, as well as fruit and ornamental trees, will benefit from staking. Stakes will hold them firmly in position, preventing the wind moving them around and breaking off their feeding roots. Stakes are best driven in at transplanting time so as not to disturb the roots.

The stakes should be fairly stout, at least an inch square. The plants should be tied to the stakes with soft twine or raffia. All side shoots on staked tomatoes are pinched off as soon as they form but not of course the blooms which come at the junction of side shoots and the main stem.

Better Make Sure

Normally Canada imports great quantities of early vegetables from the United States. In addition to huge crops grown here. Those who have seen studying the situation here that conditions are likely to be different this year. In the first place, the fact that it is going to be a bunch of vegetables he will be able to get his hands on. These he will dehydrate, pack in tight containers and send them to his and our troops overseas.

But that is not the whole story. The regular Canadian market gardeners are not going to be able to grow as much vegetable as usual because of the shortage of labor. "If you want to make sure of your vitamins this year, grow them. That is the advice of the authorities in both Canada and the United States this year. That is the reason for the Victory Garden campaign.

Cereal Pleasers Are
Appetite Teasers

You can rush the season delightfully by serving cocktails with appetizers bearing a delicate hint of Spring by their lightness and freshness. Dry cereals put in the right crispness and flavor in dainty little tid-bits. Krispies Cheese Wafers are novel. They bake in a jiffy, and are full of flavor. All-Brain Cheese Puffs are roll-up mouthfuls with that delicious taste of nut-like bran.

These little appetizer secrets will stamp you as a clever food style creator!

KRISPIES CHEESE WAFERS

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup Rice Krispies
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pound packaged cheese
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup margarine
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon cayenne pepper
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup flour

Reserve 2 cups Rice Krispies and roll remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ cups into fine crumbs. Blend cheese and margarine thoroughly. Work in cayenne, flour and crumbs. Chiff thoroughly. Form into balls $\frac{1}{2}$ inch in diameter and roll in whole Rice Krispies. Place on ungreased baking sheet and bake in hot oven (450 degrees F.) 5 to 10 minutes. Serve hot as an appetizer. Yield: 65 wafers ($\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in diameter).

ALL-BRAIN CHEESE PUFFS

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup margarine
1 egg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pound grated cheese
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon dry mustard
 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon paprika
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup All-Brain

24 1-inch cubes of fresh bread (cut from unaliced loaf)
Cream margarine, all egg yolk and mix well. Add cheese, seasonings and All-Brain. Mix thoroughly. Add stiffly beaten egg white and blend well. Spread mixture on four ridges of broad cubes. Arrange on baking sheet and bake 12 to 15 minutes in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) Yield: 24 puffs. Note: Serve as appetizers on toothpicks or as a lunch dish with a green salad.

STEADY NERVES ARE
A BIG HELP TO
GOOD LOOKS!

How in the world can a woman have charm and poise if she feels "all wound up" with nervous tension? On the other hand... calm, strong nerves really give a woman poise and quiet nerves take the hard, tense look from the face. Nervousness is a real treat then with rest, wholesome food, fewer activities, plenty of sunshine and fresh air. In the nervous take a nerve sedative... Dr. Miles Nerve Tonic gives a woman poise and quiet nerves take the hard, tense look from the face. Nervousness is a real treat then with rest, wholesome food, fewer activities, plenty of sunshine and fresh air. In the nervous take a nerve sedative... Dr. Miles Nerve Tonic gives a woman poise and quiet nerves take the hard, tense look from the face. Nervousness is a real treat then with rest, wholesome food, fewer activities, plenty of sunshine and fresh air. In the nervous take a nerve sedative... Dr. Miles Nerve Tonic gives a woman poise and quiet nerves take the hard, tense look from the face. 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(Walter Winchell, in New York)
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allies which has not used Lend Lease
help. Most of her money payments to
the Allies have been outright gifts be-
cause Canada is opposed to piling up
war debts. . . The United States is
Canada's best customer, and Canada is
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tomers. . . Canada is the world's lar-
gest producer of aluminum. Last year
she produced more than the whole
world did in 1933. . . Canada is the
world's largest producer of nickel and
is practically the only source of supply
available to the United States.
Canada is the world's largest producer
of asbestos, terrifically important on
aircraft carriers and in the navy.
She is a heavy producer of lead, zinc
and mercury, and the most important
discoveries of tungsten ore yet found on
this continent is now being developed
by the Canadian government direct.
It's the backbone of battle armor.

Without Canadian radium the field
services and hospitals of the United
Nations' armies would be almost help-
less. . . Canada is producing five times
as much armor plate guns and tools as
she did in 1933. . . She is producing
sixteen types of gun carriages and
mountings, although before she entered
the war she had never manufactured a
big gun. . . She has delivered
100,000 units to date. . . Canada has
the largest gun arms factory in the
British Empire. She has produced
more than a million rifles and enough
ammunition to fire 300 shots at every
soldier in the German army. . . Can-
ada is second only to us in building
ships, although she had not built a
sea-going cargo ship in twenty years
when Hitler marched on Poland.
Canada supplies all of the signal corps
of the United Nations with a large
amount of their equipment, including
nearly 100 types of signalling sets. . .
Canada has developed a new secret
explosive for the invasion—the most
powerful in the world.

About five out of every six Cana-
dian soldiers you see are volunteers—
the Canadian army has the largest
volunteer force in the world. . . The
Canadian Navy, which had only 15
ships before the war, now has more
than 700 at sea. . . The Canadian
Navy is 45 times larger in men. . .
Canada provided the invention which
licked the magnetic mine. . . It was
the Canadian Navy which developed
the sea-sickness pills which are used
by all the Allies. . . Canada has
developed the most secret type of ground
and air detection apparatus, which is
protecting your home in a way that
the Luftwaffe would like to know but
which only Einstein could explain.

Maybe It Could Happen Here!

The following item appeared in a
recent issue of News-week:
The Air Force major had just re-
turned from the South Pacific, his
nerves on edge. Doctors said he must
keep busy, but he was not to return
to battle zones for some time. He was
assigned duties in the War Department
at the Pentagon Building, and given an
office and civilian aides.

For three days the major worked,
then ordered his desk moved to an-
other office across the hall. Two days
later he had his desk moved to still
another office, farther along the hall.
Thereafter, every two or three days he
would have his office moved to new
quarters. This continued for about
three weeks, when he told his aides to
take his desk and chair into the men's
lavatory. They obeyed the order, but
later reported the strange game to the
colonel under whom the major served.

The colonel immediately telephoned
Walter Reed Hospital. "We have a
major here who must be barmy," he
said. "Send over a psychiatrist, or
somebody." Two psychiatrists arrived
promptly and walked into the lavatory
where they found the major contented-
ly working at his desk.
"Look here," said one psychiatrist.
"This is very peculiar. Frankly, I
would appear that you are under a
severe strain. Tell us why you wish
to work in the men's lavatory."
"That's easy," replied the major.
"This is the only place I've been able
to find in the building where people
seem to know what they're doing."

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HOME COOKED MEALS

* Additional Town News *

The Home Cafe is being remodeled.
The ten cent store was closed all
afternoon on Easter Monday.

New telephone directories can now
be had at the Secretary's office.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Chaney
(nee Wilda Leach) on Saturday,
8, 1944 at Turner Valley, a daughter.

Mrs. C. Assmusen spent Sunday
visiting with her sister, Mrs. Wells at
Carstairs.

Mr. D. Adams represented the local
teachers at the Teachers' Convention
held in Calgary on Tuesday and Wed-
nesday.

We hear that Mrs. Blough has sold
her farm land here and is investing in
city property.

Alf. Edlund is attracting the birds
round his house with a new cement
and both on his yard.

Mrs. C. Pogue of Calgary spent
Sunday visiting with her daughter,
Mrs. Van Marion here.

L.A.C. Lloyd Johnson is spending a
furlough with his parents here prior
to leaving for the east on the 26th.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Hupkey of
Soudry at the local nursing home on
April 10, 1944, a son.

The lovely quilt made and donated
by the Air Cadet Dance April 21.

Meet your friends at the Air Cadet
Dance April 21. R.C.A.F. Orchestra
coming.

The local Air Cadets are busy these
days getting ready for the big dance
April 21. We'll be seeing you.

Francis Lennon who has been with
the Aircraft Repair Depot at Edmonton
has been transferred to Fort Wil-
son.

Mrs. Kline and Viola were visitors
to Red Deer on Friday last and were
in attendance at the Huston-Fleming
wedding.

Mrs. C. Riddell of the local teaching
staff has been laid up all week with
laryngitis, her room at school has been
closed in consequence.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hehr were Cal-
gary visitors on Wednesday. Mrs. Ott
who has been visiting with them re-
turned to her home in Calgary at the
same time.

Clarence Havens had the misfortune
to break his car by hitting a bad hole
on the highway between Crossfield
and Aldridge on Wednesday night.

The picture show put on by McColl
Frontenac Oil Co. in the U. P. A. hall
on Monday night was well attended,
especially by the youngsters.

Mr. Matt, Benoit of Dewberry,
Alta. spent a few days with the Sharp
family. Jim and Matt stepped out on
Friday and took in the first day of
Bull Fight.

L.A.C. Gordon Bell of Wellington
New Zealand, a member of the New
Zealand Air Force was a visitor here
on Sunday, accompanying Rev. Currie
on his rounds.

Nine members of the local Ladies'
Curling Club journeyed to Calgary
Wednesday evening and were partici-
pants in a Chinese dinner served at
one of the Chinese restaurants.

Mrs. Harris has rented the rooms
behind the old blacksmith shop vacat-
ed by Mr. and Mrs. J. Pike. John
Chalmers will then move into his old
stand, the house vacated by Mrs.
Harris.

Birthday honors for the coming
week include the following: Bill Tid-
ball on the 16th; Mrs. C. H. McKillan
on April 17th; Audrey Devins on the
19th; Ed. Fox on the 20th; Mrs. C. A.
Deeks on the 21st.

Last week-end Corp. Cameron pick-
ed up two boys on the highway who
had escaped from an Edmonton home.
They were accommodated in the local
cells Friday and Saturday awaiting an
escort from Edmonton to take them
back.

Spring is no longer round the corner.
The robins, meadowlarks, crows,
gophers, crows, and pussy willows are
among those heralding its arrival.
Yes, and we might add the old garden-
er who is kind of rushing the sea-
son.

The highway from here to Calgary
is being ripped up and when complet-
ed will have more width and five in-
ches of black top in an effort to make it
permanent. We hope so too. It is
possible the new road may cut in a
N. W. direction from George McCaskill's
corner and come out at Howard Light-
foot's gate, missing the town entirely.

Madden Explorers
Group News
Initiation stained glass windows and
paper daffodils were the Easter decora-
tions prepared by the Madden Ex-
plorers for the Good Friday service
held in the Madden Church in the
evening. There was a very good at-
tendance of adults. Chy. Counsellor
Rev. Hovey gave the address, and also
presented the memory work prizes.

The primary class teacher of the
Sunday School, Mrs. Mashford, who is
leaving shortly, was given a farewell
corner and came out at Howard Light-
foot's gate, missing the town entirely.

The offering amounted to \$10.15
which is to be used to buy curtains
for the front of the church.

The following Tuesday Explorers
Ray and Cliff Mashford were each
presented with a crystal picture of
the Boy Jesus as a farewell gift.
These Explorers pictures were wrapped
in the Explorers colors, red, white and
gold. During the good bye party,
songs, games and a lunch were enjoy-
ed by the girls and boys of the group.

CHURCH SERVICES

CROSSFIELD UNITED CHURCH
Minister: Rev. J. V. Hovey, R.A.
United Church services for this com-
ing Sunday are:

Rev. M. Symonds of Innisfail will
be the guest minister.
Rodney at 11:00 a. m.
Tany Bryn at 3:00 p. m.

Crossfield School at 11:00
a. m. and Public Worship at 7:30 p. m.
Plan to attend church this Easter
day.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
Crossfield, Alta.
Rector: Rev. A. D. Currie, L.T.H., R.D.
Services for April:

April 15, Evensong, 7:30 p. m.
The Very Rev. Frank H. Smye, D.D.,
Dean of Calgary will conduct the ser-
vice at the Church on Saturday night,
(Anglican) on Sunday evening next,
April 16th.

HIS BURDEN
We have just had a chat with a man
who has a yen for the big dance
every now and then, and his feeling
was that he should be able to do just
what he pleased with his money, and
he just couldn't see why the man
who don't drink should object to his
breath that smelled like an old sink,
so, with his bleary eyes bulging like
a tromped-on lead he staggered along
on an increase in his "load," but in
view of the matter seems to be shored
up by quite a few, so we pity the home-
folk who are burdened with such a
curse, but they say: "Nothing is so
bad but it might be worse."

BY NEWBORN.

The following coupons become
valid in April.

April 6 —
Butter coupon 58.

April 13 —
Butter coupon 57.
Sugar coupons 30 and 31.
Preserves coupons 17 and 18.

April 20 —
Butter coupon 58.
Tea or Coffee coupons T-30, T-31.

April 27 —
Butter coupon 59.

Among the twenty-nine air training
schools to be closed in the period be-
tween March 15 and the end of the
year are Bowden Elementary Flying
Training School No. 32, on August 25,
and Penhold S.F.T.S. No. 36 on Decem-
ber 15.

According to an official estimate,
the national income last year reach-
ed the stupendous total of a hun-
dred and forty billion dollars. Yet
a lot of people are unable to save
anything but tin cans and daylight.
—Brubaker in The New Yorker.

Crossfield Machine Works

W. A. Hurt : Prop.
Welding — Magneto — Radiators
John Deere Farm Implements
Elephant Brand Fertilizer.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The regular monthly meeting of
the Village Council will be held
in the

FIRE HALL
on the

**First Monday of each
month**
commencing at 8:00 p. m.

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ADDRESSES ON THE MOVE...

IN SPITE OF ALL WAR HAZARDS

31,500,000 LETTERS
REACHED YOUR MEN OVERSEAS LAST YEAR

Do you remember the "Change of Address" form which
you filled out when you moved your civilian home? After
that was filed at your local Post Office, every letter sent to your
old address had to be redirected to the new one, and that went
on until your correspondents were familiar with your new
location.

Probably you didn't move very often, but each time you
did, the Post Office gave redirectory service. And if you will
think about that for a moment, you will begin to see what a
pendulous task confronts the Canadian Postal Corps in han-
dling the military mails, when thousands of men are being
moved almost daily!

Yet, in spite of the need of tracing men from reinforcement
units to their locations on fighting fronts . . . in spite of the
need of tracing them through hospitalization . . . or while
on leave . . . when their unit is moved . . . in spite of delays
in air mail service caused by adverse flying conditions . . . of
delays in surface transportation caused by enemy action . . .

in spite of every war hazard you can think of . . . your Post
Office and the Canadian Postal Corps delivered 31,500,000
letters to men overseas in 1943!

It is inevitable that, in tracing men who have been moved,
or wounded, some delays occur. It is inevitable that enemy
human ingenuity and effort can do to give you a service that
means speedier delivery of the letters your men are waiting
for, is being well and thoroughly done, and will be done. New
methods of speeding mail deliveries are being put into effect,
new possibilities are being studied. Think of your own friends
who have been posted to new locations overseas, and realize
the task of tracing them when their mail arrives at their former
address!

You can help your Post Office and the Canadian Postal
Corps to give even better service if you will take a moment to
make sure that your mail is correctly prepared. Do these simple
things . . .



1. Always be sure each letter or parcel (properly packed) is fully and correctly addressed.
2. Use light-weight paper for regular Air Mail, or use the Armed Forces Air Letter Forms. Airmail letters take a little longer because they must be processed in Canada and overseas.
3. To men in hospital, mark your letter "In Hospital", if you are advised to this effect.
4. Never put into parcels perishable food, or any substance that can be damaged by extremes of temperature.



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